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Atty. Docket: 13587.205

For: Topical Treatment or Prevention of Ocular Infections

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Dear Sir:

The attention of the Examiner is invited to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to issuance of the first action on the merits of the above-captioned application, no certification or fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

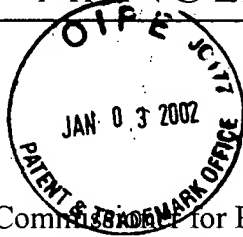
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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. an Information Disclosure Statement, and fourteen (14) accompanying references;
2. a Form PTO-1449, two (2) pages, listing fourteen (14) references; and
3. a return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that you stamp the attached return postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required in conjunction with this submission. However, if extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-1824, referencing docket number 13587.205. Applicants likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-1824 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

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